

## **Trust Land Exchanges Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How is a DNR land exchange proposal initiated?**

- The public or other agencies can contact region offices or the land transaction staff in Olympia.
- Submit a written proposal to DNR for consideration.

### **How are land exchange properties selected?**

- Consultation and interest by parties involved.
- Recommendation from DNR transactions and field staff.

Three general considerations determine parcels:

- Consolidation of forestlands managed by DNR vs scattered parcels.
- Recommendations made from division and region staff.
- Consultation with interested exchange parties.

### **What is DNR's typical exchange criteria?**

- Exchange value for value.
- Demonstrated benefit to the trust through increased financial returns.
- Maintain public forestland base over time.
- Consolidate existing checkerboard ownership and /or reduce DNR management costs.
- Enhance habitat and/or public recreational opportunities.

### **What type of land does DNR desire in forest and agriculture land exchanges?**

- DNR considers any productive forestlands that will block with other DNR managed forestlands, and will consider agricultural lands of sufficient size, soil, location, and rainfall for effective long-term trust land management.

### **How long does a land exchange typically take?**

- Depending on size and complexity of the proposed exchange, experience suggests 18 to 24 months or more.